

NPGFA

Board Meeting minutes 5/6/2020

7:00PM via ZOOM

New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association Mission Statement

New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association is committed to teaching the fundamentals of competitive Fastpitch softball. We are here to promote leadership, cooperation, team skills, to deal with accomplishments and disappointments, to improve self-confidence and self-esteem and to have FUN! We do this as a feeder system to the New Prague Schools.

Board Members

Present: Jim Kaufman, Alex Plonski, Michelle Fischer, Katie Galland, Mark Cameron, Amy Skluzacek, Becky Wilson, Colleen Ambroz, Chad Kraml, and Tina Steinhoff

Not Present:

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present: Melissa Digatono and Anna Borwege

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:04PM by Jim Kaufman

President's Report:

- Reading of mission statement by Jim Kaufman

Secretary's Report

- Reading of last meetings minutes by Alex Plonski

Motion made by Mark Cameron to approve 4/15/2020 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Colleen Ambroz.

Motion passed 9-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Colleen Ambroz

- Cash balance: \$52,000

Webmaster's Report:

Tina Steinhoff

- Alex and Colleen need to title emails to Tina for final budgets and meeting minutes
- Thank you will go onto the website for the flower fundraiser

Registration Coordinator's Report:

Tina Steinhoff/Michelle Fischer

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Field/Gym Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Fischer

- If the season does open up on May 18th, reached out the the HS to see what field use will look like
 - The schools don't know what it will look like yet and will keep us informed
- Also in contact with the city to be updated on the field use
 - They are currently closed until June 1st

Fundraising Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Fischer

- 536 flowers were sold
 - Took in: about \$16,000
 - Make: about \$6,000
- Pickup went smoothly and only 1 family still needs to pick up their 3
- Invoice was just received and will be sent to Colleen
- Next year: order extra flowers for those who want additional flowers or for people who drive by during the pickup and want some

Uniform Coordinator's Report:

Chad Kraml

- Still waiting for uniforms to come in
- Have reached out to the company about when they will be coming in because they are behind and Chad was notified
- All clothing from the online store have been delivered

SBDC Coordinator's Report:

Melissa Digatono

- Assigned a TPL and 2-3 HS helpers to each team
- Assigned an SBDC member to every team
- Currently working on updating the Bylaws

Other Business:

- Bylaws update additions/changes:
 - The date and time of NPGFA monthly meeting shall be allowed to be altered as extra ordinary circumstances dictate or as a particular matter provided:
 - The proposed date, time, and location or the monthly meeting change is approved by a simple majority vote of the current NPGFA Board members.
 - That approval by the NPGFA Board is completed time to allow for ample notification of NPGFA members, coaches, and the general public of the date,

Motion made by Colleen Ambroz to approve amendment of the Section O (Meetings) to the NPGFA Board Bylaws.

Secoded by Tina Steinhoff.

Motion passed 9-0.

- Scholarships
 - Applications are distributed via the President to the current seniors on the Softball Team (managers/non-managers are eligible/noneligible) at the beginning of the season in March.
 - Application criteria to include:
 - Athletes choice of college or post-secondary program she plans to attend
 - Inclusion of student activity involvement

- Essay question
 - Essay question that embodies our Mission Statement: “we are here to promote leadership, cooperation, and team skills...” “How has softball impacted you and what have you done to give back to the **NPGFA Softball Program?**”
 - Seniors are to complete and return the application to the President by the designated deadline to be considered. Applications are to go directly to the President to protect the anonymity of all players who apply.
 - The President provides copies of applications for the Board to review while maintaining anonymity to review at April’s Board meeting and Board approves recipient/s.
 - Scholarships to be awarded to **(a minimum of 1 and maximum of xxx recipients)**
 - Overall cap value of scholarship is \$1,000.00 per year.
 - The President is to present at Seniors Honor Night as communicated via the Administrative Assistant at the NPHS Counseling Office. Certificate and information provided to recipients on how to obtain her scholarship for the following academic year.
 - Anonymous
 - Parent of Senior - not a voting member
- COVID Plans
 - Updated from USA Softball:
 - **Proposed Minnesota Youth Baseball and Softball Timeline:**
 - May 11 - Statewide communication to baseball and softball associations with guidelines & requirements.
 - May 18 - Begin baseball and softball practices with no more than 16 people on the field, including coaches and players.
 - June 1 - League games with spectator traffic and distancing guidelines in effect and managed. Tournaments: Possible trial events to be held the weekend of May 29-May 31, with the tentative start dates of tournaments on June 5-7.
 - What is the association liable for if this does happen?
 - NPGFA Plans:
 - Send a survey to the families in the association to see where they stand if we have a season or not due to COVID
 - Plan B: season starts late/condensed season
 - Reduce volunteer hours to 10 hours

- Reduce coach pay
- Pro-rate refund based on number games played/canceled
- Keep pizza fundraiser
- Plan C: no season
 - Offer people money back if they want it back or “pre-pay” for 2021 season (paying the difference if you move in the 2021 season)
 - Just the REGISTRATION FEE can be refunded
 - Keep pizza fundraiser
 - Volunteer checks shredded → volunteer hours don’t roll over to next year
- Coaches holding practice during the stay-at-home order?
 - Not something we are going to promote as an association → coaches cannot hold practices or get some athletes together
- Batting cages at HS fields:
 - Cages are still not up and the association will not put them up until the stay-at-home order has been raised
- Heggies pizza fundraiser:
 - Temporarily suspended - the plant is closed
 - Delivery will now be at the end of March due to not all pizzas being made
 - If we do this, it wouldn’t be until August that we’d be able to do this fundraiser
 - Look into other options for pizza - Firehouse pizza?

Tabled for next meeting:

- Amend VP, Webmaster, and Communication Coordinator roles in By-laws
 - Colleen, Tina, and Alex create description for each role
- Concessions during summer season → discuss more around tryouts
 - Keep simple → chips, seeds, water, etc.
 - Can give more opportunities for volunteer hours

Motion made by Michelle Fischer to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mark Cameron.

Motion passed 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06PM.

Next meeting 5/13/2020 via ZOOM at 7:00PM.